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REMARKS

In the pending Office Action, claims 1 and 9 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1, 2 and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,601,137. Claims 2-6 and 10-14 were rejected as dependent on rejected claims. Claims 17-22 were allowed over the prior art of record.

Applicants respectfully traverse each of the rejections and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 9 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1, 2 and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,601,137. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this Amendment. The present application (Application No. 10/627,512) and U.S. Patent No. 6,601,137 (Application No. 09/552,399) are commonly owned by Western Digital Technologies, Inc. Accordingly, rejections of claim 1 and 9 for double patenting should now be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 2-6 and 10-14 likewise should now be allowed.

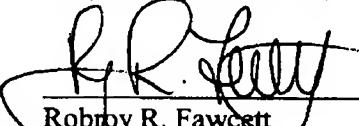
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. If any questions or issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below so that prosecution of this application can proceed in an expeditious fashion.

Respectfully submitted,



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